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Application No: GB0522052.0

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Claims searched: 1-49

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X,E	1-49	GB2415454 A (Watson) Note claims 1-49
X,P	1 at least	GB 2391028 A (Smith) Whole document
X,P	1 at least	GB 2382832 A (Metcalf) Whole document, noting claim 7
X	1 at least	US 2002/0060079 A1 (Patterson) Whole document

Categories:

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
Y	Document indicating lack of inventive step if combined with one or more other documents of same category.	P	Document published on or after the declared priority date but before the filing date of this invention.
&	Member of the same patent family	E	Patent document published on or after, but with priority date earlier than, the filing date of this application.

Field of Search:

Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^X :

E1F

Worldwide search of patent documents classified in the following areas of the IPC

E21B

The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report

EPODOC, WPI

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Examination Report under Section 18(3)

Basis of the examination

1. I have examined your application in the form that it was printed by WIPO when it was in the international phase. As a consequence of a lack of conciseness this report only relates to claims 1-49.

Conciseness and plurality

2. There are an excessive number of independent claims which obscure the scope of protection being sought. As a consequence of this lack of conciseness I am not making any attempt to determine how many inventions are present but there would seem to be a prima facie case for plurality.

3. You will need to amend your claims, so that they relate to only one invention or inventive concept. You will also need to make consequential amendments to the description. You may wish to consider filing divisional applications. Any such applications should normally be filed no later than 3 months before the expiry of the period for putting the present application in order.

Novelty

4. The invention as defined in claims 1-49 is not new because it has already been disclosed in each of the following documents:

GB 2415454*	A	(Watson) Note claims 1-49
GB 2391028*	A	(Smith) Whole document
GB 2382832*	A	(Metcalf) Whole document, noting claim 7
US 2002/0060079	A1	(Patterson) Whole document

5. No amendment of your claims will be needed in respect of the document marked * if you can show that the priority date of your invention is not later than the priority date of the relevant disclosure in that document.

6. Document '454 would seem to completely anticipate the claims and the remaining documents all appear to show apparatus for plastically deforming and cutting tubulars.



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Clarity

7. There are a number of application numbers missing from pages 1, 9, 10, 40, 49, 54, 64, 65, 66, 75, 87